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Mansa Musa Takes a Trip: WebQuest Questions

Activity 1- Mansa Musa & The Kingdom of Mali

After reading the short biography on Mansa Musa, answer the following questions on this sheet:

1. What does the term *mansa* mean?

1. What was the relationship between Mansa Musa and Sundiata?

1. What areas of West Africa were under Mansa Musa’s rule? (What present day countries?)

1. How did the empire of Mali become wealthy?

1. What important journey of faith did Mansa Musa make?

1. Describe Mansa Musa’s caravan on his journey. (Give at least 4 details)

1. Given the figures in the article, how much gold did Mansa Musa bring with him on his pilgrimage?  SHOW YOUR WORK!

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After reading the paragraphs about Mansa Musa and Timbuktu, answer the following questions:

8. What were Mansa Musa's reasons for expanding his borders?

9. What did Mansa Musa do to control his expanding empire?

10. Why was he interested in acquiring Timbuktu?

11. What happened to Timbuktu as a result of the attention it received under Mansa Musa?

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Activity 2—The Pilgrimage

After looking at the route of Mansa Musa’s trip, answer these questions:

12. Describe the geographic location of the gold mines in West Africa.

13. Why might Mansa Musa have taken a slightly more southern route on his pilgrimage?

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 After looking at the Catalan Map, answer these questions:

     14. What geographic areas of the world are shown on this map?

     15. Who do you think the people on the bottom of the map represent?

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     16. Draw a rough sketch of Mansa Musa as he is portrayed in this map:

17. In what ways is this picture a “European” image of Mansa Musa?  What details of the drawing lead you to this conclusion?

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After looking at the photos and reading about the mosques of Mali, answer the following questions:

     18.  What was Mansa Musa’s mission after he returned from the hajj?

19. What building materials were introduced to this region during this time?

20. Why did the walls have to be replastered annually?

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After reading about the mosque at Djenne, answer these questions:

21.  How thick are the walls of the Mosque at Djenne?

22. What are the 2 functions of the thick walls of this mosque?

23. Notice the “horns” on the building. What are the 2 functions of these supports?

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24. After looking at all of those cool photos, draw your own sketch of the mosques of Mali: